

Appl. No. 10/691,577
Amendment dated: January 9, 2007
Reply to OA of: October 10, 2006

REMARKS

This is in response to the Official Action of October 10, 2006 in connection with the above-identified application. Applicants have amended the claims of the instant application in order to more precisely define the scope of the present invention, taking into consideration the outstanding Official Action.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication in the outstanding Official Action that claims 2, 3 and 12-15 recite allowable subject matter that would be allowable if rewritten in independent format including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Accordingly, the amendments to the claims presented herein reflect Applicants incorporation of the allowable subject matter into the base independent claims, thereby placing the application in immediate condition for allowance.

Specifically, Applicants have amended claim 1 to incorporate the allowable subject matter recited in claim 2 and have amended claim 4 to incorporate the allowable subject matter recited in claim 12. In light of these amendments, claims 2 and 12 have been canceled from the instant application. Further, claims 3 and 14 have been amended to depend from pending claims rather than canceled claims.

Additionally, Applicants have amended claims 1 and 4 to recite a first silver alloy, i.e., the silver alloy of the conducting lines, and have amended claims 5, 7 and 13 to recite a second silver alloy, i.e., the silver alloy of the auxiliary electrodes, in order to more precisely and clearly define the scope of the present invention. Applicants respectfully submit that these amendments to the claims do not introduce new matter into the application.

Finally, Applicants have canceled claims 22 and 23 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation or divisional application or applications directed to the subject matter recited in now-canceled claims 22 and 23.


In light of the above amendments to the claims, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims now pending in the instant application are in full compliance with the

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requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112 and are clearly patentable over the references of record.

In view of the above comments and further amendments to the claims, favorable reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims now present in the application are most respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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